PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Conferences and Cultural events.

1114. The International Institute of Philosophy with its headquarters in Paris met for the first time in India in joint session with the Indian Philosophical Congress under the auspices of the University from 28th August to 3rd September 1959. The subjects of the Entretiens were (i) Science and Philosophy, (ii) Individual Freedom and Community, (iii) Traditional values. Representatives of UNESCO and 14 foreign countries took part in the Conference.

Sixth Inter-University Youth Festival.

1115. The Sixth Inter-University Youth Festival was held at Mysore in the University campus from 7th to 16th December 1959. Contingents from 33 Universities took part in the Festival. The Government of India sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3·48 lakhs for meeting the expenses of the Festival.

Schemes uduer the II Five Year Plan

1116. Government sanctioned a grant of Rs. 19·178 lakhs as its share of expenditure for the following development schemes during the year :—

(1) Introduction of Three year Degree Course,

(2) Development of Post-graduate study and research in Humanities, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Kannada, Hindi, Education, English, Sanskrit, Urdu, Persian and Arabic, Philosophy, History and Indology,

3) Development of higher Education and Research in Science Department,

(4) Improvement of salary scales of teachers in affiliated colleges,

(5) Schemes relating to College of Engineering, Bangalore,

(a) Technical Development Scheme and (b) Expansion of Training capacity

(iii) Karnatak University.

Strength

1117. The strength of the students in the Karnatak University was 13,080 (11,464) and the number of women students was 1,081 (934).

Convocations

1118. The annual Convocation was held on 6th November 1959. One thousand and twenty candidates were admitted to the various degrees of the University.

1119. A special convocation of the University was held in March 1960, at which 165 candidates were admitted to the various degrees.

Kannada Research Institute, Dharwar

1120. The Institution is under the management of the University and its main object is to encourage research work in ancient Indian History and Culture. As many as 108 manuscripts were collected for the Library, important among them were *Ardhanemipurana, Lilavati, Krishna Kathasara Sangraha, Durga Purana, Kummatarayacharita, Mailaramangiri Vijaya, Mailara Mahapurana, Basaveswara, Panchastotra and Marasaugayya's Vyakhyana to Jiguni Marulayyana Kanda, etc.* The Institute has undertaken the preparation of anthology of Kannada Inscriptions and about 1,000 verses have been selected so far, for the purpose, the publication of which was likely to be completed during the year 1960-61. The book will be useful to the students of Kannada and History in B.A., and M.A., Courses.

1121. The University started the Department of Anthropology, strengthened the Department of Physics by adding Radio and Nuclear Physics, Department of Chemistry similarly by adding Inorganic and Physical Chemistry.

Research Schemes

1122. The following Schemes were either completed or were under completion:—

(*a*) Assessment of Occupational and Employment structure of Hubli City.

(*b*) Sheep Wealth of Karnatak.

(*c*) Survey of the Handloom Industry in Karnatak and Sholapur.

(*d*) Study of the Economics of the Handicrafts in North Karnatak.

(*e*) Transition Probabilities in Spectra of some Astral Molecules.

(*f*) The Theoretical and Phenominological studies in Nuclei.

University Library

1123. The total number of books in the University Library was 44,880 (41,000) during the year. The number of readers who attended the Library during the year was 39,707 (31,693).

1124. Out of the total grant of Rs. 1,30,000 sanctioned by the University Grants Commission for the purchase of

equipment and furniture of the University Library, equipment and furniture worth Rs. 82,000 have been purchased so far and orders for the equipment worth Rs. 48,000 had been placed.

Circulating Library

1125. Under the Circulating Library Scheme, nearly 1,300 persons from the 20 villages of Dharwar District took advantage of the reading facilities afforded by the University. This Scheme has been extended to another group of 20 villages in North Kanara District.

Extension Lecture Service

1126. Under this scheme the following books were published :—

1. Bharatadalli Granthalaya Prasara
   Shri K. S. Deshpande.
2. Bharateeya Nagarikategе Manuvina Kodage
   Prof. B. H. Shreedhar.
3. Janasankhye Hagu Ahara Samasye
   Prof P. M. Umakanta Shastry.

Buildings

1127. The front wing of the main building for the teaching Departments on the University Campus and the Library Wing were completed during the year and were formally opened by Dr. C. D. Deshmukh, Chairman, Uinversity Grants Commission on 19th June 1959. The new hostel building for the students of the Post-Graduate Classes accommodates 250 students.

1128. In addition, the University has constructed a separate recreation-cum-auditorium hall. The Faculty Club was completed and had been serving as a Social Centre for the teachers and officers of the University.

(iv) Technical Education.

General

1129. The Board of Technical Education recommended that an opportunity should be given to diploma holders who have put in sufficient service in the profession to acquire degrees in Engineering, and also considered the implementation of the salary scales suggested by the Government of India for the teaching staff in the Technical Institutions in this Department.

Number of Institutions

1190. The number of Technical Institutions working during the year was :—

1.	Degree Level ...	... 8
2.	Diploma Level (Government)	... 16
3.	Diploma Level (Non-Government)	... 7